



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 15, 2018
7:00 PM**

Room 6, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Levi Bjork at 7:04 PM

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present:

Vice Chair Levi Bjork
Commission Members: Sandy Bugeja,
Daniela O'Callaghan, Scott Wallace, Andrew LeMoine
Executive Director David Aitken
Troy Courtoreille
Recorder Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: Chair Steven Phipps

2. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

There were no requests to speak from the public.

3. Adopt Agenda

MOVED: That the agenda be adopted as amended to include an update on Boards and Committees. CARRIED

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED: That the September 10, 2018 minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED

5 Items Arising from Previous Meeting

a) Request for funding for training

D. Aitken talked to the Office of the City Clerk regarding stakeholder requests for travel and training for commissions, boards and authorities. There is no official policy, so It is up to the Commission to develop guidelines to approve distribution of the funds within their budget. The Commission was provided with some suggestions for criteria to base their decisions on how to approve funding. T. Courtoreille will share this information electronically for discussion at the November meeting.

6 Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reviewed the written report.

- Pro Wrestling reports go forward on November 14, 2018, to the Community and Public Services Committee meeting. If approved, Committee will recommend the bylaw amendments go to Council for three readings. The Executive Director will connect with the wrestling promoters to let them know about the proposed changes to the bylaws. If passed, wrestling will be outside the Commission purview and will follow regular business licencing rules. Chair, S. Phipps is invited to attend the CPSC meeting on behalf of the Commission.
- Budget is scheduled from November 28 to December 6. The Chair may have discussions with Committee members about the service package ahead of time.
- There may be an appeal regarding a fine against a promoter for advertising prior to obtaining their event permit. The promoter will articulate in an email what the concerns are with the short timeline.
- Administration will provide a short briefing to the Commission at the next meeting about a policy change or amendment to the bylaw regarding insurance requirements for events.
- There is upcoming training for officials in early December. Commission members are welcome to attend this training session for information purposes.
- T. Courtoreille is taking care of getting the certificates and trophies for the combative sports awards. It was suggested that the Mayor present these to the athletes. Commission members could be in attendance for a photo op at City Hall.

MOVED: That the report from the Executive Director be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7 Financial Statements – August 31, 2018

The Executive Director reviewed the August 2018 financial statements.

MOVED: To accept the August 31, 2018 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

8 Policy Review Project

Decisions need to be made regarding the Policy Review Project to determine what the roles of the Commission and Administration are.

The Suspension and Rest policy, and the Unsanctioned Events policy should be first on the list. The Commission would like to get external input from medical professionals and mentioned inviting Dr. Karpman to provide input at an upcoming meeting. Consider Inviting promoters to attend for input and information.

On behalf of the Commission, D. Aitken will invite Dr. Karpman to attend a future meeting to present what he learned at the conference he attended and be prepared to talk about medical exams.

9 Chair Report

S. Phipps met with Councillor McKeen, Chair of the Community and Public Services Committee, to discuss the ECSC service package. The Commission needs to start to think about 2019 priorities. As well as a policy review, S. Phipps wants the Commission to come up with a work plan for the remainder of 2018, and all of 2019.

L Bjork attended a Unified MMA event at River Cree put on by the Central Combative Sports Commission. He had a conversation with Shirley Stunzi about the challenges of this new commission, policy issues and sanctioning amateur MMA. It was suggested that sanctioning amateur events is worth revisiting.

MOVED That the Chair report be received for information.

CARRIED

10 New Business

S. Bugeja and D. O'Callaghan attended an event put on by the Office of the City Clerk. They discussed the evaluation process and the end of year report. May 9, 2019 is the annual report presentation. The ECSC might want to consider doing a self evaluation. Add reviewing last year's annual report as an upcoming agenda item.

It was suggested that policies be looked at through a gender based analysis. This will take into account any unconscious biases the Commission may have. Once the Commission has time to consider this, they can make a motion to request that Administration look into using City resources for this purpose.

11 Date of Next Meeting: 7:00 PM, November 19, 2018

The next meeting will be held at 7:00, Room 6, Commonwealth Recreation Centre.

12 Motion to Adjourn

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02PM

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceeding of the Commissioners' Meeting on October 15, 2018.



Levi Bjork, Vice Chair

Nov 19/18

Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder